MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It could be done but so far as the policy of the Department has been accepted it is not being done.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any ex-service men are recruited as conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

Scale of pay of Conductors and Inspectors.

318. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the scale of pay of conductors of the Transport Department;

(*b*) the scale of pay of Inspectors in the Transport Department ; and

(*c*) the rules with regard to leave and pension of Conductors and Inspectors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Rs. 25-3-40.

(*b*) Rs. 45-5-75 and Rs. 80-5-100.

(*c*) Inspectors are governed by the provisions of the Travancore Service Regulations.

Conductors are eligible for one month's leave on full pay and one month's sick leave on half pay for one year's service. They also have the benefit of the Provident Fund.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the service personnel belong to the permanent cadre ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that these conductors are the most hard-put of all the employees of the Department ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are as hard-put as any other employee of the Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member has considered the desirability of increasing the salary of these conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are being given special allowances during war time.

Teachers selected to go to Britain for training.

319. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the teachers selected to go to Britain for training in inspection ;

(*b*) the names of those recommended by the Director of Public Instruction ; and

(*c*) the principle on which the selection was based ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

(*a*) 1. Mr. A. K. Damodaran Pillai.

2. „ K. George ; and

3. Sry. M. A. Thankamma.

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[Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi.]

(*b*) No recommendations were made by the Director but the following persons were selected by him for interview according to the request of the Selection Board.

1. Mr. A. K. Damodaran Pillai,
2. „ K. George,
3. „ K. J. Leenose,
4. Miss Paulose,
5. Mr. P. R. Viswanathan Nair,
6. „ N. Viswambharan,
7. Sry. Ammini Thampatti ; and
8. „ M. A. Thankamma.

(*c*) Ability and experience.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know who made the final list of selection ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The Selection Board.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there are in the list, candidates with higher qualifications than those eliminated ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The Selection Board selected the pupil not merely for qualification but for various other reasons.

Promotion of Teachers.

320. *MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many teachers of the Rs. 22-28 scale have been promoted to the Rs. 30-60 scale from the commencement of the year 1121 M. E. ;

(*b*) how many of them have been thus promoted in preference to their seniors in the Rs. 22-28 scale and the claims of how many such seniors have been thus overlooked ;

(*c*) why have they been thus promoted in preference to their seniors ; and

(*d*) if it were on account of exceptional efficiency, what was the test employed ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) 99.

(*b*) Two teachers have been promoted in preference to their seniors. In the case of one there were 360 persons senior to him and in the case of the other 29 persons.

(*c*) These two persons were promoted in consideration of their exceptional merits and efficiency.

(*d*) No special test was employed.

Private School Teachers.

321. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of teachers who have been taken in the Government service as a result of the taking over of the private schools under Government control for the purpose of the introduction of the compulsory primary education ; and

(*b*) whether they can supply a statement by caste of the teachers thus taken in the Government service ?

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